

## Weekly Feature Launched To Promote Race Harmony

★ Every Week, we shall present "Our Guest Column," a non-profit service of the American Press Associates devoted to furthering group understanding. Edited by Erna P. Harris, noted journalist, our new weekly column will feature prominent guest contributors who will review current developments on the minority group front and suggest local and nationwide action. Coming soon as guest columnists are Pearl S. Buck, A. Philip Randolph, George S. Schuyler, Dr. Ira De Reid, Rev. Howard Kester, Elmo Roper and other leaders in the fight for equality.

## OUR GUEST Column

(Edited by ERNA P. HARRIS)

A great potential force for flooring Jim Crow is being largely neglected. Briefly, it's the workers' education movement. A movement constantly growing though not as yet coterminous with the AFL, CIO and independent unions of 15,000,000 members. Led by a relative handful of far-seeing unionists, the workers' education movement embraces in its scope the varied community and industrial problems affecting the working population.

No educational director of a local or national union can hope, of course, to cover in classes, lectures or literature all the issues of the day. His department's funds are often limited by more "practical" union executives who prefer a "sound" treasury to a well-informed rank and file. The demands on the educational director's time are usually excessive. Small wonder, then, that such a vexatious and complex problem as the abolition of racial discrimination often gets sidetracked to an indefinite future date. No ill will or conscious neglect, of course. Just the familiar failure on the part of unimaginative Caucasians to appreciate the urgency of ending second class citizenship.

By employing a bit of discreet pressure, organizations such as the NAACP—and individuals as well—can step into this partial vacuum and tap a veritable Niagara of direly needed support. Take any business which discriminates in the sale of its goods or services. The company executives set the policy but it's the workers—yes, the union workers—who carry it out. Prejudice in the ranks of labor? Yes, BUT, it is far less than in organized religion or education, and very often it's habit and thoughtlessness primarily. If the employees of a restaurant have been in the habit of obeying orders and denying service to the occasional Negro who finds his way to the counter, they will

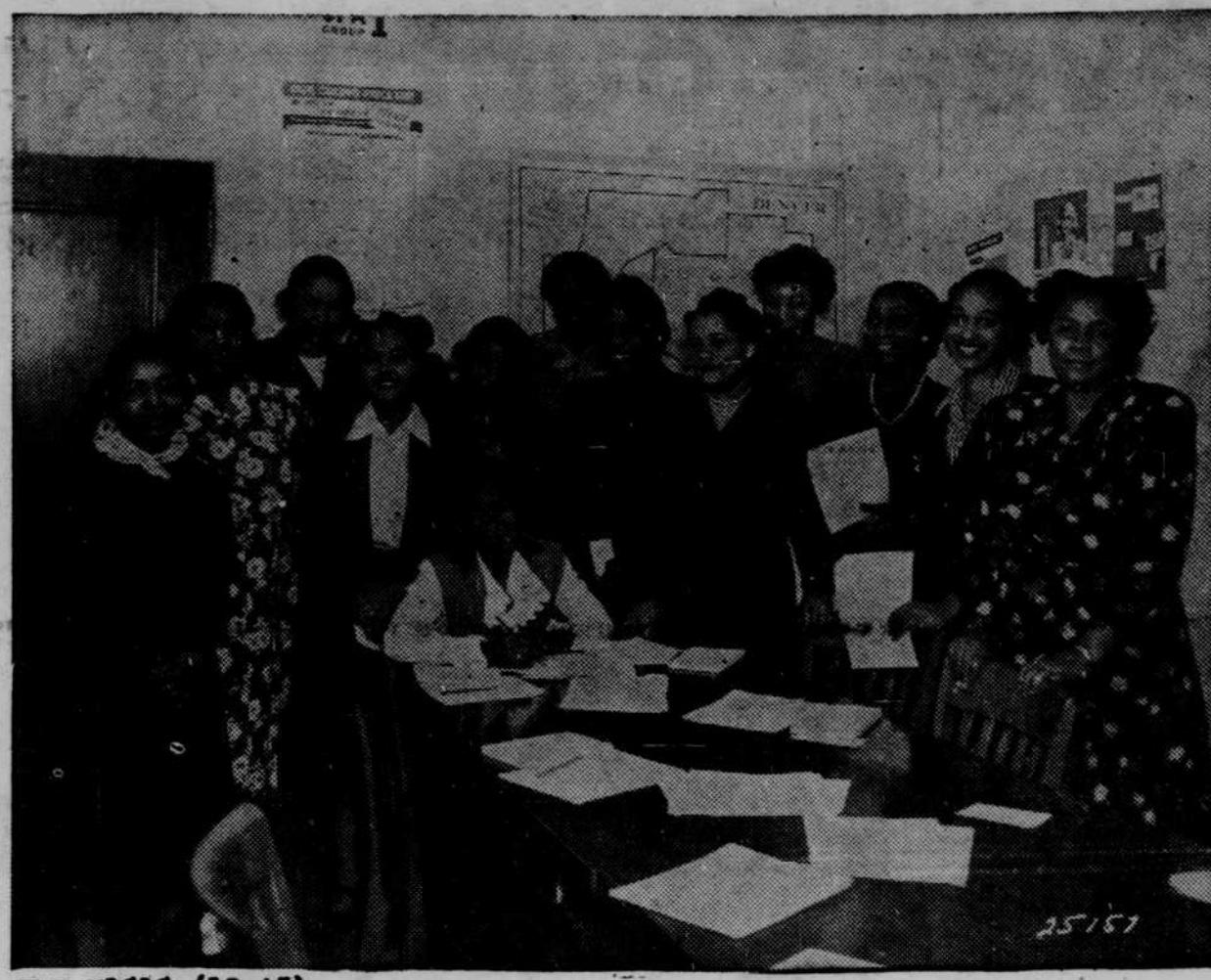
likely continue in their thoughtless groove until jarred by some outside force.

And that force can be the workers' education movement. Union officials well know the importance of good public relations these days. Strikes are won or lost as a result of community opinion. Members of Negro and interracial groups in every union town should get acquainted with labor leaders, including the educational directors, make friends with them, and impress upon them the inescapable significance of equal rights for all. In communities not hampered by laws requiring segregation, many unions can be fairly readily prevailed upon to launch an educational program against Jim Crow for it is not hard to show them that prejudices which divide a union's membership weaken the union.

Think of the prospective revolution in the use of stores, theatres, restaurants and taxi-cabs if union members quietly but firmly ceased the practice of discriminating against Negro patrons. Most of us know that only a small segment of the habit-bound white public would strenuously object once the initial shock wore off; much feeling against Negroes is passive rather than virulent. The loudest objection always comes from some panicky proprietors who have hallucinations of wrecked businesses if Negroes start patronizing their stores.

It would be up to the unions to prepare for strikes against employers to enforce the establishment of equal rights. It would be up to the Negro community to pick up the slack with every means of support. It would be up to each and every member of a minority group to come forward and actively identify himself with the greatest force for universal justice—the trade union movement.

## One of the Best Records for Volunteer OPA. Work



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One of the best records in the entire nation for volunteer work for the Office of Price Administration has been established by a group of Negro women in Denver, Colo., according to reports coming into the national office of the OPA. Not only has the group volunteered its services repeatedly and

willingly but the quality of its work has been superb beyond all possible criticism, according to Mrs. Dora Connell, volunteer assistant supervisor at the Denver War Price and Rationing Board. Beginning back in 1942, when price control and the whole OPA program was a novelty, offers of assistance came from various individuals. Since that time, more than 30 women have given their thought and effort to the program as representatives of the auxiliaries of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the Dining Car Employees, the Waiters Local 466 and other organizations.

Regularly, ten of the women have averaged five hours a month making surveys of prices in the 75 retail stores in the district in which they live. Mrs. Nannie M. Wells, chairman of the price panel assistants' group and president of the Women's Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, has been the inspiration and organizer of this as well as other activities.

Mrs. Wells herself has put in more than 120 hours making price surveys, ably assisted by Mrs. Mae Allen and Mrs. Minnie Hamilton in direction of the group.

The price checking of these ladies has been 100 per cent both in volume and accuracy, Mrs. Connell said. There have been no complaints as to their checking and there are few groups about which such a statement can be made.

The price volunteers have amassed about 350 hours of credited work, performing their services month after month. In November alone their total was 44 hours. Early this year, nine women pitched in to do an extraordinarily complete special job, making a survey of rented living accommodations in their districts. This work totaled 40 hours.

When last summer's home canning sugar called for unusual effort, 24 women volunteered for opening mail, screening and cancelling the sugar stamps, which as Mrs. Connell pointed out, were war duties of no mean responsibility. The scorecard for these services operated simultaneously with price checking, showed a total of 300

hours time, ranging from 2 hours for one individual up to Mrs. Wells' 64 hours.

Thus, for all types of duty, the Negro volunteers have put in more than 100 hours for OPA.

In addition, these and other women have spent immeasurable hours informing their fellow citizens of the needs and aims of the rationing and price control programs. Mrs. Emma Harper of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Dining Car Employees and Mrs. Theilma Reem of the Sleeping Car Porters Auxiliary are members of OPA's Labor Advisory Committee.

No women in the city are better informed or more cooperative than these women, said Mrs. Edward O. Costigan, OPA regional consumer officer. They have responded to every request for assistance.

Mrs. Connell bestowed the final accolade: The patriotic zeal and helpfulness of these Negro women is unsurpassed. APO is truly indebted to them.

Coming January 15th... The Biography of Duke Ellington



DUKE ELLINGTON

Man and music, Duke Ellington is an American trademark. His biography written by Barry Ulanov, editor of Metronome, is not only the story of individual success but the story of a band, an era in American life and a chapter in the history of music. Product of the creative culture in which perhaps half of our musical instruments were first developed, Duke Ellington has attained unequal stature as a composer. The man who was born to jazz, who gave swing its impetus, was a jazz antiquity in 1935 when other swingsters held the high light, but the Duke has maintained his enviable position because of his attitude, as he expresses it: "There is something lasting to be

obtained from the Negro idiom. I predict that Negro music will be alive years after swing is dead. Negro music has color, harmony, melody and rhythm. It's what I'm interested in and I am going to stick to it. Let the others whirl and jerk, like ickies and jitterbugs on swing and let me sit back and drink in the music."

Born and bred in Washington, D. C., Edward Kennedy Ellington began his career winning prizes for drawing and poster-making, but recruiting a band was his real and first success. Many of the members who started with him are still with him, and almost all stayed a long long time. Among the best-known members are Otto Harwick, Freddie Guy, Arthur Whetsol and Sonny Greer, all top flight artists and personalities. From rent parties and one-night stands back and forth across the country, to royal reception in Europe, from the Cotton Club to Carnegie Hall, the Ellington band has become a classic.

Duke the man is a solid citizen who gives direct lie to the teacher of his youth who gazed into the clouded crystal ball to say, "Boy you are never going to get anywhere." Creative Age Press will publish the story of how he got everywhere and for the benefit of the discophiles, the book will include a complete list of all the Ellington recordings.

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| <b>Sparkling Water</b> 2 Btls. 25c                | <b>Peas</b> Gardenmade; standard, No. 2 11c           |

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| <b>Coffee</b> Edwards; 2-lb. Jar 57c                       | <b>Coffee</b> Airway; 3-lb. Bag 57c                          |
| <b>Oats</b> Morning Glory; 20-oz. Pkg. 11c                 | <b>Oats</b> Quaker; 20-oz. Pkg. 12c                          |
| <b>Nob Hill Coffee</b> 1-lb. Pkg. 24c                      | <b>Butter</b> Tasty Pound; 1-lb. prints 51c                  |
| <b>Popped Wheat</b> Dwarves; 8-oz. Bag 7c                  | <b>Toast</b> Butter Krust; plain or cinnamon 10-oz. Pkg. 17c |
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